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FOR HARTMAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: STATEMENT ON WESTERN EUROPEAN COMMUNISM

REF: PARIS 9220

1. SECRETARY IS SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS YOUNG POLITICAL LEADERS CONFERENCE IN DEPARTMENT ON TUESDAY, APRIL 5. IN VIEW OF INDICATION THAT GISCARD IS UPSET ABOUT REPORTS OF SOFTENING OF US POSITION ON WESTERN EUROPEAN COMMUNISM APPEARING IN FRENCH PRESS (REFTEL), WE RECOMMEND YOU URGE SECRETARY TO USE OCCASION OF HIS REMARKS ON TUESDAY TO PUT ON PUBLIC RECORD OUR VIEWS ON ISSUE ALONG LINES STATED PARAGRAPH 3 BELOW. THIS WOULD ENABLE SECRETARY TO GIVE ASSURANCES TO GISCARD ON SATURDAY THAT US POLICY ON SUBJECT WILL BE PUBLICLY ARTICULATED AS EARLY AS NEXT WEEK. SECRETARY MAY ALSO WISH TO DRAW ON THESE POINTS IN HIS DISCUSSION.
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SIONS AS APPROPRIATE.

2. EARLY PUBLIC STATEMENT BY SECRETARY WOULD ALSO SERVE TO HEAD OFF SPECULATION ABOUT US POSITION THAT APPEARS TO BE BUILDING AMONG US PRESS WHICH IS LIKELY TO RESULT IN UNHELPFUL REPORTING ON ISSUE IN NEAR FUTURE. ROWLAND EVANS HAS BEEN CALLING AROUND ON SUBJECT (AND IS APPARENTLY

READYING COLUMN ON SAME) AS ARE TIME AND NEWSWEEK.

3. VIEWS REFERRED TO IN PARA 1 ABOVE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

THE UNITED STATES ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO OUR
TRADITIONAL ALLIES IN WESTERN EUROPE AND INTENDS TO MAKE
EVERY EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN OUR EXISTING CLOSE TIES.

WE WILL NOT INTERFERE IN THEIR DOMESTIC AFFAIRS.

NATURALLY, WE PREFER THAT OUR FRIENDS AND ALLIES BE
GOVERNED BY POLITICAL PARTIES WITH STRONG DEMOCRATIC
TRADITIONS, VALUES, AND PRACTICES. WE ARE CONCERNED
ABOUT THE WILLINGNESS AND ABILITY OF THOSE FORCES THAT
DO NOT SHARE THESE TRADITIONS, VALUES, AND PRACTICES,
TO COOPERATE WITH US AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE WESTERN
COMMUNITY ON FUNDAMENTAL POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SECURITY
ISSUES.
CHRISTOPHER

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